## **REMARKS**

This amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 is accompanied with a payment of the issue fee in response to the Notice of Allowance dated January 27, 2004.

Since this amendment really cancels several dependent claims, without prejudice, it is assumed that there will be no objections to entering this amendment so that the patent will issue without the deleted claims.

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